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## D Co., 2-102nd Armor seeks growth opportunities

By SGT Jolene Staker

Members of D Co. of the 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor have arrived to the JTF ready to get to work augmenting military police companies and taking advantage of all the opportunities Guantanamo has to offer.

"I am confident that the soldiers of D Co. 2-102 Armor will not only meet, but exceed, the standards set forth by the Joint Task Force. I have no doubt that they will execute this mission in full accordance with the JTF mission statement," said 2LT Noel Lyn-Kew, company commander. "I fully expect the soldiers to grow as individual soldiers as well as a team following the successful conclusion to this mission."

Members of D Co. trained hard to prepare for the JTF mission. SPC Robert Guarino who originally trained in supply completed the infantryman military occupation skill (MOS) training. This training is required for anyone without a combat arms MOS.

Guarino felt this training prepared him. "I definitely feel ready," he said.



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker  
SPC Joseph Wilson of D Co., 2-102nd Armor uses the radio while working at the sally port.

SPC Joseph Wilson has been in the military for about 11 years and held a combat

arms MOS several years ago, but he still went through the training to refresh his infantry skills.

"It was good training," said Wilson. "I got to learn new things that have been added."

All unit members went through the specialized military police training at Fort Dix, N.J.

"The training at Fort Dix more than prepared us for what our mission here is," said PFC Brian Perry.

Part of being successful in their mission is identifying what challenges they will be facing and strategizing on how to meet those challenges.

SPC John Wells identified one challenge unit members will face.

"I think we need to learn to separate whatever emotions we may have about 9/11 or what we see on TV, so that when we go on the block we don't take that with us," said Wells. "This is a new day. We're moving forward and showing the detainees the same respect we would show

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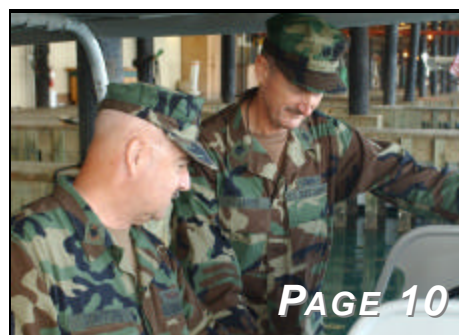
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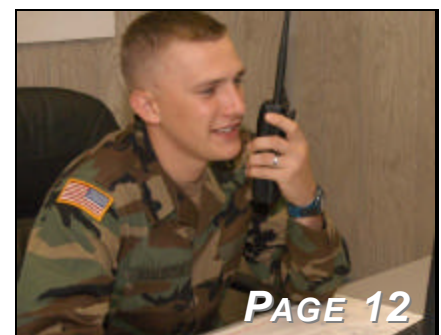
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## Trooper to Trooper

# Safety begins with you

Summer time is coming and safety issues will be more abundant. I can't stress to you enough the importance of ensuring that safety issues are aggressively managed and minimized. Unit commanders are the safety managers for their units. Ultimately, commanders or section chiefs must provide the leadership necessary to prevent incidents and accidents. Off-duty activities are likely the greatest safety issues to be considered. Clearly, however, we need to remain vigilant at work also.

Safety issues at Guantanamo are unique to this environment. To mention a few: water activities (scuba diving, sailing, swimming, snorkeling, fishing), walking and jogging (off trail animal encounters, and rough trail leg/foot injuries); outdoor athletic activities (heat exposure and over exertion); sun bathing (prolonged exposure to the sun); and other activities which can cause dehydration. Each of these activities can be enjoyed safely, but it requires thinking about the risks that need to be managed.

This means setting boundaries and limitations, and taking precautions that must be complied with, to mitigate risks, to ensure – safety. Even driving at 25 MPH, and the complacency which occurs at that speed, needs to be considered in your unit safety programs. If you don't have a unit safety program, now is the time to start one. Command emphasis will be placed on having effective programs.

Our mission is important and our soldiers are just as important. Leadership makes a difference in the prevention of



**BG Martin Lucenti**  
Deputy Commander  
JTF GTMO Operations

accidents. Establish a command environment that recognizes the safety risks that are associated with living at Guantanamo Bay. It is a responsibility that leaders must take seriously for your troopers sake. Standards here at Guantanamo are high. We all take pride in those standards. Safety standards should be just as high – they are just as important.

I encourage all troopers to enjoy the summer and relax in the company of troopers and friends. Just be safe. Nothing ruins what could have been an enjoyable experience more quickly than an avoidable accident. Safety is not something the command will talk about just once – you will hear a lot more – the topic is so important. Complacency in the area of safety is the enemy, and increasing awareness to the safety issues that exist along with sharing best practices, should be a recurring theme at unit/section meetings.

Honor bound.

## Beach volleyball tournament

JTF troopers will have a chance to find out who has the best volleyball team.

A tournament will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at Club Survivor.

To sign up, call 3640 or 3670.

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# Father, son serve together in JTF Guantanamo

By SGT Jolene Staker

When it's time to wish his Dad a Happy Father's Day, SPC Terry Geer Jr. will have it easier than most. His Dad, 1SG Terry Geer is serving with him in Guantanamo.

When Geer Jr. was a senior in high school his Dad told him that they were going car shopping but really took him to the recruiting office.

"He talked me into it, and I went for it," said Geer Jr. "I enjoyed it."

His Dad admits to encouraging his son to join the military for the college money.

"It seemed silly to spend money on college when he could earn it," said Geer Sr.

After three years active duty in the Army, Geer Jr. came home and joined the unit that his Dad had been in while he was growing up.

"It was a more comfortable environment than serving with people I didn't know at all like I had to on active duty," said Geer, Jr.

Serving in the military is a Geer family tradition. Geer, Sr.'s father was a career Coastguardsman. Geer Sr. first joined the Coast Guard for six years and then joined the Army National Guard after a seven-year break in service.

"I missed the camaraderie that we try to pretend isn't there but know it is," said Geer Sr.

Geer, Sr.'s younger son also serves in the military. He didn't have to encourage this son to join.

"He was going to be an airborne ranger for most of his life and then when he turned 17 he had a sudden change of heart and joined the Coast Guard," said Geer Sr.

Both men are anticipating that their brother/son will join

B Battery after release from active duty.

When asked how he feels about having two sons follow in his footsteps, Geer Sr. said "I'm very proud, more than I could ever express."

Geer Sr.'s wife works as their battery's family support person.

The men have no doubt that she is OK with them being deployed together.

"The first thing she told me was 'to take care of your Dad over there.' She likes the idea of us coming over together," said Geer Jr. "I've been overseas by myself, and this time I have my Dad with me which is pretty cool – so she's happy."

"She's glad that we are here to be each other's support system," said Geer Sr.

"She's real proud of us. She's been a military wife for 23 years so she knows how to handle the stress," said Geer Jr.

Geer Jr. credits joining the military with improving his relationship with his Dad.

"Our relationship has gotten better since I've been in the military. We can relate to each other better."

Geer Jr. realized the reason his Dad did things in a certain way after joining his unit.

"Back when I was a teenager we had the father-son conflict. I was bull-headed and thought I knew everything," said Geer, Jr. "The first time I saw him running Bravo battery, the light went on. He runs everything like that. It's just his nature. I understand him better now."

While at home they would be deer hunting, bird hunting and going to tractor pulls and gun shows, because of duty and position within the unit, Geer Jr. and Geer Sr. just manage to get together for an occasional father-son dinner.

It can be challenging to



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

1SG Terry Geer (left) and SPC Terry Geer, Jr both of B Battery, 1-119th Field Artillery attached to the 216th Military Police Company have made serving a family affair.

keep the roles straight. Right after joining Bravo Battery Geer Sr. dropped Geer Jr. for calling him Dad.

"I've called him that my entire life, it was the first thing out of my mouth," said Geer Jr.

After three years, Geer Jr. is used to keeping the roles separated.

"When I'm with my Dad, he's my Dad. When I'm in uniform he's my First Sergeant first and my Dad second, and when I'm not in uniform he's my Dad first and first sergeant second," said Geer, Jr.

Geer Sr. admits that there have been challenges being the first sergeant in his son's unit.

"It's interesting. Sometimes it causes conflicting view-

points from my perspective," said Geer Sr. "But he is a good kid and a good soldier."

Geer Jr. gets personal pride from serving in the military. "It's a good feeling, because I'm doing something," said Geer Jr.

Geer Jr. will enroll in ROTC when he gets home and pursue a degree in history with a minor in computers and may teach down the road.

Geer Sr. will stay busy taking care of everyone.

"From the time I was a senior squad leader I realized I had someone else's kids," said Geer Sr. "I have to take care of all my soldiers the same way I would take care of my son."

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anyone.”

Another challenge that unit members will face is not getting complacent in their job.

“If they can focus on other goals such as PT, losing weight or education it will keep their minds working and break up their routine so that they can go on shift with a fresh mind,” said SFC Matthew Cornine.

Cornine has been proactive in assuring that his soldiers find outside interests to keep them busy.

“I talk to them and ask them what they can walk away from here with that will improve their personal lives,” he said. “Then we discuss it and break it out into the months they will be here so they know what they need to do and when to get what they are working toward.”

SFC David Van Gorden has similar plans for those under his leadership. “I plan to keep their morale up by having them do things to keep their minds occupied instead of sitting around dwelling on their problems and by also helping them solve their problems.”

Several soldiers from D Co. have already identified some things they would like to accomplish while here.

“My overall goal is personal growth,” said Wells. “I’m definitely looking at this mission as a way to better myself and to become stronger. When I go home I want to be a better man.”

One way Wells intends to do this is to work on his criminal justice degree.

PFC Jeffrey McNeil plans to start working on his college degree while he is here. Someday he would like to teach high school. Working on his degree will give him something to do to take his mind off missing his family.

“The hardest part of this



Photos by SGT Jolene Staker

*Above: (from left) SFC David Van Gorden, SFC Matthew Cornine and 2LT Noel Lyn-Kew all of D Co., 2-102nd Armor plan shift operations.*

*Below: (from left) PFC Jeffrey McNeil, PFC Brian Perry, SPC Robert Guarino and SPC Sean Murphy take a short break inside Camp Delta.*



mission is leaving my family – I’m very close with my family,” he said.

Cornine knows that being deployed is hard for his soldiers, because it is hard for him.

“It’s something I want to do and proud to be doing, but at the same time there is difficulty in doing it,” said Cornine.

Missing his daughter’s graduation and having to leave his business, just as he was in the middle of starting it, are just two examples of the sacrifices Cornine made to be here.

This deployment is the first

time Cornine has been away from his wife and four children this long, but that is just one thing that he is having to adjust to.

“A month and a half ago I was a project manager for a major company, and now I am working with detainees,” said Cornine. “It’s a fast transition to something I have never done before.”

Even with the quick transition, members of D Co. feel prepared for their mission.

“I feel like we are doing a good job,” said McNeil. “We’re well prepared and work together well as a team.”

The fact that they work

together so well as a team may surprise those who know this unit was reorganized right before being deployed. But in the time they have been together they have bonded.

“We’re more of a family than we are a unit and we all know that we can count on each other,” said Murphy. “My motivation has gone up every day just from the guys around me.”

Members of D Co. are direct descendants of the “Essex Troop” of the New Jersey Calvary, but for one member of the company the link to the past is even more direct.

Van Gorden was in C Co. before this deployment, and he had been a member of that unit for 20 years. His father joined the same company the first year the Newton Armory opened.

Unit members have participated in homeland security missions, guarding bridges, power plants and tunnels going into New York City during times that the threat level was escalated. The JTF mission is the first time this unit has deployed overseas since World War II.

“I believe in what we are doing. I believe it is the right thing to do,” said Cornine. “I am proud to be making a contribution and years from now I will still take pride in knowing I stood up and did what I have to do for my country.”

This unit is going to focus on balancing mission, personal development and recreation.

“I want to work on physical training, go to the beach and have fun and do the mission we’re here to do,” said Perry.

“It is an exciting and challenging assignment to act as the commander of D Co. 2-102nd Armor,” said Lyn-Kew. “The soldiers have shown me that they are professionals, not only in their assigned jobs but in everything they do.”



# 463rd Military Police Company

## “Freedom’s Guardian”



The 463rd Military Police Company was constituted Nov. 30, 1943, in the Army of the United States as the 63rd Military Police Company and activated on Dec. 1, 1943, in North Africa.

The unit was later inactivated September 17, 1945, at Camp Kilmer, N.J., and then reactivated Aug. 25, 1947, in the Philippine Islands as the 63rd Military Police Company (Philippine Scouts). In June 1, 1965, it was again inactivated in the Philippine Islands before being redesignated June 24, 1965, as the 463rd MP Co. Then it was allotted to the Regular Army and activated June 25, 1965, in Germany.

The 463rd MP Company has served with honor and distinction in many of our

nation's campaigns. Particularly noteworthy are World War II, specifically in Rome – Arno; Panama, Operation Promote Liberty; Task Force Bravo, Honduras; Guantanamo Bay Cuba; Sea Signal; and U.S. Military Training Missions in Southwest Asia.

The 463rd has been awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Award for Maintenance Excellence in 1995, Army Supply Excellence Award, was a Macarthur Award nominee, and was also the III CORPS nominee for the BG J.P. Holland Award and the Macarthur Award.

The 463rd, whose home station is at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. has had the unique opportunity to perform the full spectrum of military police jobs, which

are available at Fort Wood. During peacetime operations, the 463rd provides daily law enforcement support and community assistance to the soldiers, civilian workforce, families and visitors to the base. This includes criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, community education, crime prevention, physical security, support to the U.S. Customs, a Special Reaction Team, confinement and prisoner escort, police patrols, police reports and military working dog operations.

The 463rd is currently serving as a part of the Joint Detention Operations Group, Joint Task Force Guantanamo in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Photo by SSG Patrick Cloward



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## **463rd Military Police Company Joint Task Force Guantanamo**

***There is no mission too large and  
nothing too small that you did not do  
well.***

**-CPT Michael A. Hunter**

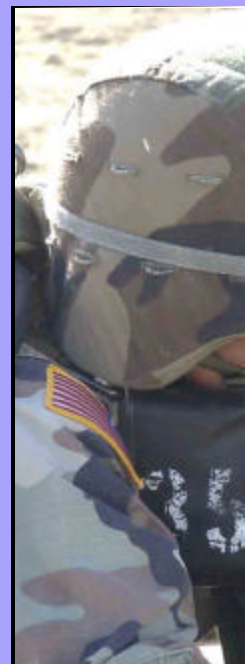
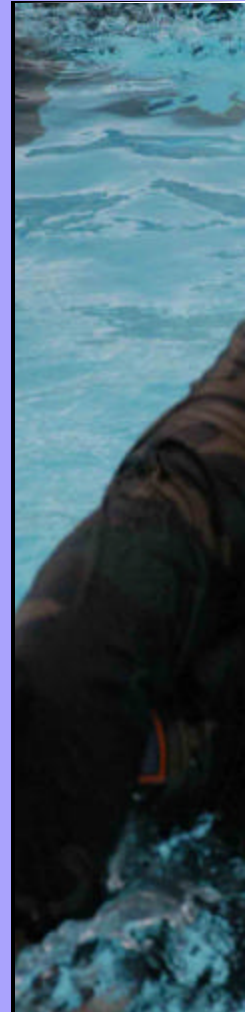






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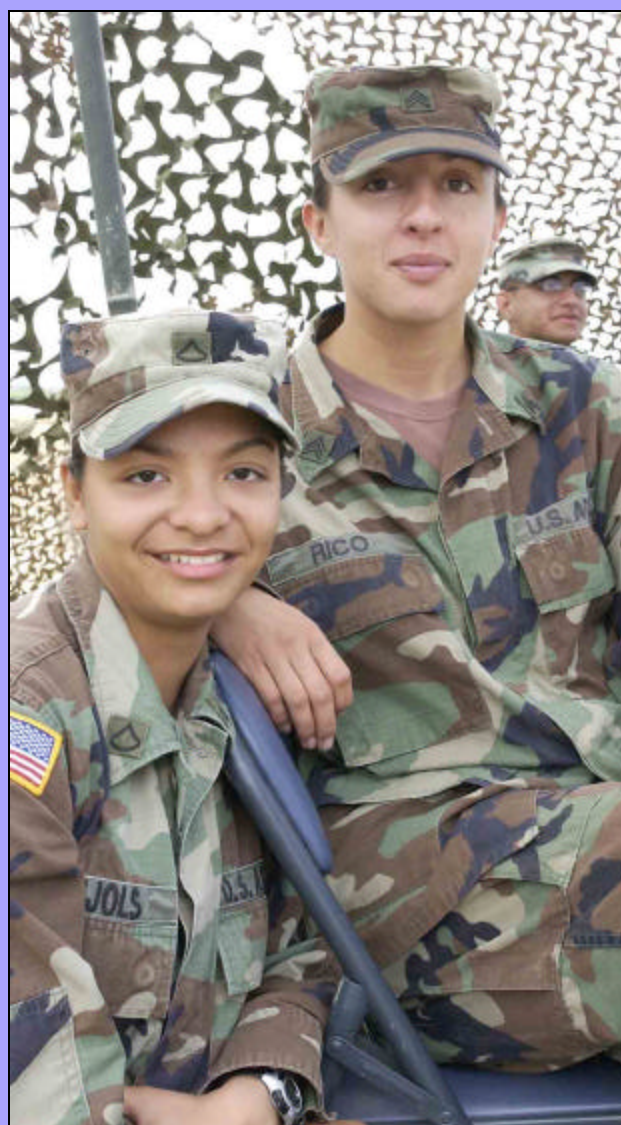


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### **To the members of the 463rd Military Police Company**

It's hard to believe that this time is here. I can remember when I was first got on the ground looking at the departing units editions of the Wire many months ago. Now it's my turn to say good-bye to Guantanamo Bay.

To my soldiers of the 463rd MPs and those of the 1st of the 119th Field Artillery, I say it has been a long, tough, yet rewarding deployment here. You all have grown together into a cohesive fighting unit and a family. I stand in awe of the many accomplishments under your belt.

You are the premiere MP Company in the Corps today. There is no mission too large and nothing too small that you did not do well. I extend my deepest thanks for your hard work, every day inside Camp Delta. It wasn't easy, but

most days you did it with smiles. You were smiling on Christmas when we worked; you were smiling on New Years Eve and New Years Day when we also worked. Setting the standard, and adhering to the standard was business as usual.

Just remember, its not the medals on your chests, or the coins in your pockets that tell the story of what you did here, it's the memories and the ability to look back and say that you did everything right, and were the best. You will leave a legacy of professionalism, dedication, and mission accomplishment; a legacy that all good units leave behind them. To my crew of Field Artillery guys, stay the course and continue what you are doing. You will be remembered as soldiers of the 463rd, always. Solid Warriors!

**Honor Bound!**



**463rd MP Company  
Commander  
CPT Michael A. Hunter**

### **To the members of the 463rd Military Police Company.**

All of the 463rd Solid Warriors can be proud of their accomplishments over the last eleven months. They can hold their heads high, knowing that their leaders, their families, and the nation are proud of each one of them. The lives of many of 463rd warriors have been changed because of this deployment. Many understand that they have given more to this mission than they could have ever imagined and our soldiers will take back with them a sense of responsibility and pride in ownership for a job well done. Our soldier's lives have been changed because of what they have learned and accomplished. Many of our junior leaders have grown and matured during this deployment and they will take back with them the confidence that no mission is too great

for them to handle. As the JTF continues to transform from GTMO 4 to GTMO 5 let it be known that it is the soldier's discipline, backed by solid leadership, which is what gets the mission done. As leaders we have to remember, we are theirs, and they are ours. They are a reflection of us, and we are what they have made us. Those leaders who consider themselves a success should never forget that they are a product of successful soldiers with whom they served and led. Thank you 463rd, for making me a success.

To those war fighters, whom we are leaving behind, and especially the 1st Brigade, 119th Field Artillery, it has been a pleasure serving with you. To those who have just assumed the mission, you are in for a life altering experience.

**"Solid Warrior Out"**



**463rd MP Company  
First Sergeant  
SFC Gys J. Moore**



## Sports highlights

## Two months into playoffs, NBA finals begin

Compiled by SPC Rick Fahr

After losing Game 1 of the NBA Finals to the Detroit Pistons, the **Los Angeles Lakers** bounced back to take Game Two.

Thursday night's game shifted from Los Angeles to Detroit, where the **Pistons** will host three games in the seven-game set.

Game 4 will be Sunday, with Game 5 on Tuesday. Game 6, if necessary, will be Thursday back on the West Coast.

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**Tampa Bay** used its home-court advantage to win Monday night's Stanley Cup finale

over **Calgary**.

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In what has become a sideshow to the circus that is Major League Baseball, inter-league play began this week.

As American and National League teams square off this weekend, a few interesting matchups are worthy of note, while the majority of the slate will feature ho-hum battles.

The surprising **Los Angeles Dodgers** invade Fenway Park, taking on the **Boston Red Sox**, and the **Chicago Cubs** travel to Anaheim to take on the Angels in what could be a preview of the World Series.

Other than those two series,

though, the pickins' are fairly slim. Consider these series:

**Colorado** at **Tampa Bay**, **Florida** at **Detroit** and **St. Louis** at **Texas**. Ick.

The only redeeming factor of the **Cincinnati-Cleveland** series is the intrastate rivalry, but that's barely enough to make those games worth watching. The only reason to watch those games would be to catch **Ken Griffey Jr.** slam his 500th homer.

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Last week's Nextel Cup win by **Mark Martin** adds a little intrigue to that series.

The win at Dover was Martin's first in 73 series starts.

This week, the NASCAR racers will be at Pocono.

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**Ernie Els** held off **Fred Couples** and **Tiger Woods** to win last week's Memorial PGA event, and he'll likely see a strong Tiger again this week.

Woods will most likely be playing hard at the Buick Classic for two reasons.

One, he needs to tune up his game for next week's U.S. Open. Two, Buick has paid Woods millions for his endorsements. The carmaker would love to see a strong showing from Woods as a return on its investment.

Compiled from [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com).

## Some acronyms easy to understand; others clear as mud

By SPC Rick Fahr

I like word games as much as the next person, but acronyms just aren't my thing.

Problem is, alphabet soup is the military's thing.

I can understand the rationale for boiling down some long terms or phrases to a few simple letters – DoD (Department of Defense) or HMMWV (highly mobile multipurpose vehicle) or AAR (after-action review), but some folks take acronyms a little too far. Judging by the eight military acronyms that begin with the letters "PMC," it's obvious that some people would prefer to talk in all caps, with no actual words, just letters, numbers and punctuation.

"Foxtrot Echo Charlie zero fife, recon coordinate echo golf eight six two fife tree zero for R&E and MAA. Then begin BADD to determine MAD and BAV, over ..."

Geesh. It's enough to drive someone to consider SMBBHAW (self-mutilation by beating head against wall).

It's difficult enough keeping track of the most popular acronyms, but many of them have multiple meanings.

AARP? That's not even a military term, is it? That's a group of older people, right? Yes and no. In the military an AARP is an

## FAHR GAME

Apple Talk Address Resolution Protocol, whatever that is.

PMCS? We all know what PMCS is – preventive maintenance checks and services. But it also can mean "partially mission capable, supply" and "Program Management Control System." Who knew?

I'm sure there are folks out there who think they're high-speed, low-drag when it comes to military acronyms. How about a quiz? Guess what these acronyms mean. The answers are at the bottom of this column.

1. MACOM.
2. PERSCOM.
3. NAAS.
4. BCL.
5. TOC.
6. NVVTLC4R.
7. OOEAIU.
8. GOOFy.

Wow, that was fun. Not as much fun as a TOCEX (tactical operation control exercise) but more fun than a WAP (work assignment procedure).

Acronyms can be helpful, but they can also be unwieldy and ineffective if over-used.

The next time you consider whether to use a phrase or an acronym, remember to OUAAITMWBC (only use an acronym if the meaning will be clear).

## Quiz answers

1. Major command. That was easy.
2. Personnel command. This is a cinch, huh?
3. Did you guess Naval auxiliary air station? If so, that's right, but so is NORAD Attack Alert System. Extra points if you know what NORAD stands for.
4. Basic contour line is one of several meanings. Computer people may have submitted binary closed loop.
5. Tactical operations center. Yeah, OK, fine. But only give full credit if you knew at least one other meaning – technical order compliance, tactical air forces operations center, theory of constraint, total ownership cost, theater of operations command.
6. I just made that up.
7. That, too.
8. And that one.

# PSU team assumes bay duties

By SPC Rick Fahr

The terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, heightened awareness of the need for security, and a by-product of that awareness has been an expansion of the duties of the U.S. Coast Guard.

One of those duties involves providing harbor security at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and a new unit has just taken over those responsibilities.

PACAREA Port Security Unit Detachment, commanded by CMDR Jack Laufer, recently assumed command and has begun its tour.

Laufer explained that the unit consists of several active-duty Coast Guardsmen but mostly consists of Reservists. He said the group hails from all areas of the Pacific, including Guam, Hawaii and Alaska. Port security units are highly mobile, he noted, saying that the crew members and equipment can be deployed anywhere there is a security need.

The commander explained that the group's mission focuses on providing security from the water.

"We provide harbor security and port security for high-value units in a small, enclosed harbor area," Laufer said. "Our main mission here is to deny any enemy uncontested access to Guantanamo Bay."

The commander said that the Coast Guard has played an integral part in the nation's ongoing war on terrorism, estimating that nearly three out of four Coast Guard Reservists has served on active duty in the past couple of years.



Photo by SPC Rick Fahr

CMDR Jack Laufer (right), PACAREA PSU Detachment commander, and Master Chief J.R. Stafford, command master chief, examine one of the unit's boats. The unit recently assumed harbor patrol duties.

Master Chief J.R. Stafford, command master chief for the unit, said that crew members underwent various types of training prior to deploying. He added that the unit's previous deployment experience is helping the group raise their performance bar.

"Most of our people have small-boat experience in the continental United States. Several of our boat crew members have done duty in the Middle East, in Korea and in other areas of the world where the Coast Guard provides port security services," he said. "We certainly turned it up a notch in the last month of our training and here."

Stafford noted that the Coast Guard's mission has evolved in recent years.

"I think that our primary mission as seen by the American public has always been search and rescue and the like. We have gone since 9-11 from about 2 to 4 percent of our time in port security-type activities

to almost 50 percent of our time."

The unit leaders said that the Coast Guard has implemented a number of security programs that the general public may not be aware of and that those programs have grown the service's need for personnel and equipment.

"It takes personnel and assets, bodies and bullets to put, as they say, metal on target, and our target now has grown quite large," Stafford quipped.

Laufer added that the Coast Guard's mission will continue to involve high-profile events in coming months, including providing port security at both the Democratic and Republican presidential nominating conventions later this year.

"We're expecting full employment for the Coast Guard," Laufer laughed.

While many units deployed to JTF Guantanamo have an opportunity to integrate training opportunities with their

day-to-day missions, the PSU will not likely be able to participate in regular training schedules, Laufer said.

"Our mission takes our full attention, 24-7," the commander noted. "Everybody we've got down here has full-time jobs to do, but we will look to take advantage of training opportunities as we can."

The master chief said that the unit's goals for this deployment are simple but important.

"I think the goal of our deployment is that everybody comes back safely and everybody takes care of everybody," he commented. "We take our safety especially seriously and that's everything from sunburns to water safety. I think everybody is looking forward to six months of physical exercise. I don't think too many people in the unit haven't said that they want to go back home better trained in their job and better able to do the Coast Guard mission."



## Chaplain's Corner

# JTF GTMO welcomes in first of new chaplains

By AF Staff Sgt. Joshua Gorman

A new member has arrived in the Joint Task Force Guantanamo community from the Illinois area and his name is CPT Kent Svendsen, the new Joint Detention Operations Group chaplain.

"I live in northwestern Illinois, where my civilian job is a senior pastor of a two church cooperative," said Svendsen. "It's a small country community, where early in the morning the farmers drink coffee at the local farmers restaurant, which is actually named the 'Farmer's Restaurant.'"

Until the time he was put on alert for deployment, Svendsen was serving in the 961st Engineers, headquartered in Milwaukee.

"One night I got a call from my battalion commander, who said I was needed to serve with the 783rd Military Police on their deployment to Guantanamo Bay," he said.

"I've had an interesting military career. As a chaplain, I've served in medical, air defense artillery, air assault infantry, artillery, engineer, and now a military

police battalion."

Chaplain Svendsen's primary mission here is to serve on the JTF chaplain staff, which could include anything from preaching at a worship service, to singing and playing music.

"I could also be tasked to occasionally lead one of the on-going programs such as Soul Survivor, Alpha Course, or Thursday Ticket," he said, adding that he can also be assigned at times to perform the chaplain's section unit inbriefings and training provided for soldiers who are returning home at the end of their mobilization.

"A significant amount of my time, however, is spent serving as the chaplain inside Camp Delta," said Svendsen.

One of his roles there is to serve on the commander's staff and handling administrative issues as they relate to the chaplaincy.

"My current short term goals are to take care of business here at GTMO, and if I occasionally get a day off, I'd like to do a little scuba diving," he said, adding he also plans to lead seminars on various themes



Photo by AF Staff Sgt. Joshua Gorman

**CH (CPT) Kent Svendsen**  
**JDOG Chaplain**

such as marriage enrichment, suicide prevention, and relationship building.

## The Top Five Reasons Not to Worship God at GTMO

By CH (MAJ) Paul Minor

### 1 The chaplains don't know God, they just are here to collect a paycheck.

Response: We have a team of dedicated and Godly chaplains here in the JTF and at the Naval Station. Make an appointment to get to know a chaplain so that you won't be guilty of bearing false witness.

### 2. My work hours prevent me from worship.

Response: Are you kidding? Look at the worship schedule in the Wire and you will see worship services at many different times, places and days of the week.

### 3. The worship here is not like home.

Response: You are right. You are not at home. Why not make a worship home away from home so that you can feed your soul during this challenging time? Maybe you will experience new and deepening faith as you move out of the familiar and comfortable.

### 4. My command won't let me worship.

Subject to the needs of the mission most commanders are all too happy to ensure that their soldiers constitutional rights to the free exercise of religion are upheld. Give advance notice so that plans can be made. Work with your chain.

### 5. Okay, Okay, I'll go in a few weeks.

Answer: There's no time like the present. Don't put it off. We need to worship God. That is part of what we are created to do. We need to worship in a community so that we can be a blessing to each other and support each other.

Humans were not created to be in isolation. There are blessings waiting for you if you make worship a priority right now. Start this deployment on the right foot.

## Heavenly Bits and Pieces

By CH (MAJ) Daniel Odean

**I'd rather be a fool in the eyes of men, than in the eyes of God.**

You know, think about it, when your physical life is over it isn't going to matter what anybody thought of you except God. The value the world puts on priorities, achievement and success are not the same if God is left out of the picture. Are you striving to please God or the world?

The Bibles states, *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18 NIV).*

Think about it.

# 15 Minutes of Fame...

## With SPC Jordan Eggleston, 463rd MP Co.

By SPC Katherine L. Collins

*As a high school student, SPC Jordan Eggleston joined the Army's 463rd Military Police Company to fulfill his inspiration of serving people and to better himself and his future. Almost four years later, he continues to maximize on his Guantanamo Bay experience by further developing himself and those around him, sharing bits of wisdom he learns along the way.*

**Q: What inspired you to join the military?**

**A:** Working in fast food, I knew I wanted to accomplish more, so I joined the military. I felt developing a solid foundation in the Army would help me progress faster and better in life. It has, and it will. I'm glad for the time I've served. Now I look towards moving on to create a better life for my wife and myself beyond the military.

**Q: Where have you deployed?**

**A:** I deployed to Honduras for six months, and later to Qatar for about a month. I had to redeploy back to the rear for kidney surgery. During both missions we performed tasks including base security and convoys.

**Q: What do you recall as your best military experience?**

**A:** The Baton Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., which involved going 26.2 miles in the desert. It kicked my butt but was an awesome bonding experience, especially in getting to know my commander and a couple senior NCOs.

**Q: In what ways has your family supported you in your military service?**

**A:** Although separated, my parents can unite in the fact that they both tell me they're very proud of what I do. My wife's also been a huge support. She writes and e-mails me and can't wait for me to come home.

**Q: What have been your greatest challenges here?**

**A:** One, constantly adapting to changes; two, being responsible for training every-



Photo by SPC Katherine L. Collins

*SPC Jordan Eggleston, of the 463rd MP Co., works in the detention operations center in Camp Delta.*

one who comes to detainee operations, and, three, being away from my wife, whom I married just two months before I deployed here. I was single during my last two deployments, and that is 100 percent different and is easier than being married. We try to communicate as much as possible, but it is a greater challenge here than I'd experienced in the past.

**Q: What personal strengths do you find benefit you most in this mission?**

**A:** I guess the ability to control stress – at least that's what people tell me. Also, the values of respect and responsibility, which the military taught me.

**Q: What have you learned from working with the reserve components?**

**A:** I've gained a respect for their sacrifices. They did not sign up to serve in the military full time, but they did volunteer to be called up to defend freedom at any time. I see the struggle it is for them to leave behind a whole different job and life, in hopes of keeping them in tact while deployed.

**Q: What do you do to relax at home and when you deploy?**

**A:** At home I spend as much time as I can with my wife, just doing anything. We are best friends. Here I talk with her by e-mail and phone, and I watch movies or

play games when I'm not working or sleeping, sometimes with my friends, including two guys from basic training I reunited with here.

**Q: What has been most rewarding about this mission?**

**A:** Meeting all kinds of people and expanding my knowledge of law enforcement. MPs like to say that "MP" stands for "multi-purpose." We do not typically work in corrections, but we do whatever tasks are assigned. I feel more well-rounded from this mission and better prepared to seek a career in civilian law enforcement.

**Q: What advice from your deployment experiences have you shared with those deploying for the first time?**

**A:** Just take advantage of all you can learn from the mission here and people you work with. Then optimize on your free time. Use it to focus on where you want to grow, personally and professionally, such as taking college courses or scuba lessons.

**Q: Looking back on your overall military experience, what makes you most proud to serve?**

**A:** First, I'm proud seeing myself perform a job well that the Army's tasked me, making a difference somehow. I'm proud to be strengthening myself and my future by protecting freedoms I too can enjoy and by gaining skills I can use later on in life, professionally and personally. I'm proud of the accomplishments and goals I gained through the Army compared to those of some friends back home.

**Q: What are your immediate and long-term plans for when you return home?**

**A:** First, I'll vacation with my wife somewhere she's never been before but wants to go. Then, I'll be a hermit inside the house with her, pampering her and just spending lots of time together. Long-term, I plan to transition out of military service into college full-time, studying psychology. I'd then like to join the U.S. Marshals, but there are few vacancies right now. So, initially, I'll aim to join a high paying security company.



# The GTMO Guide: Answers to Your Questions

Who can help me? What's for lunch? What movie's playing? Where can I find that? How does this work?



Photo by SPC David Duhart

The flag at McCalla Hill flies at half-mast in symbolism of a nation in mourning. Flags all over Guantanamo Bay have been flying at half-mast recently.

## Former President Reagan passes away over weekend

Former President Ronald Reagan passed away over the weekend, ending a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Reagan, 93, served two terms in office and is largely credited with helping end the Cold War by rejuvenating the military and containing communism around the globe.

"At that point in time, President Reagan gave the military the biggest raise that we had ever seen, and that was huge. For the pay scale at the time, it was definitely needed," recalled 1SG George Davis, 1st Battalion, 119th FA. "He was definitely

pro-military, and that meant a lot. It went a long way as far as relations between the military and the civilian populace."

CMDR Edward Conti agreed.

"I think his best attribute was his ability to bring people of all parties together for the common good of the United States and the way he brought back the pride of being an American," he said.

In remembrance, flags are flying at half-mast, and a twice-hourly cannon blast honored Reagan on Monday. President George W. Bush proclaimed today a national day of mourning.

## Night diving requires various safety rules

As JTF troopers explore recreational opportunities on the water, they should keep safety in mind.

When diving, for instance, a number of rules apply, especially for diving at night.

Divers must file a night diving form with NAVBASE Security prior to making their first night dive.

Night diving requires a primary light, a second back-up light, as well as a chemical light marker on the buoyancy regulator or person.

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## Safety

Divers must call in a night dive-plan with NAVBASE Security prior to entering the water and again after exiting water. NAVBASE Security can be reached at x4105.

For more information on night diving, please contact Reef Raiders Dive Club, x7315, or Ocean Enterprises Dive Shop, x5336.

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## Movies

Camp Bulkeley

Downtown Lyceum

**Fri., June 11**

8 p.m. *Connie & Carla*

PG13 - 98 min

10 p.m. *The Day after Tomorrow*

PG13 - 124 min

**Sat., June 12**

8 p.m. *Shrek 2*

PG - 105 min

10 p.m. *Johnson Family Vacation*

PG13 - 97 min

**Sun., June 13**

8 p.m. *The Alamo*

PG13 - 137 min

**Mon., June 14**

8 p.m. *Johnson Family Vacation*

PG13 - 97 min

**Tues., June 15**

8 p.m. *Troy*

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**Wed., June 16**

8 p.m. *The Whole Ten Yards*

PG13 - 99 min

**Thurs., June 17**

8 p.m. *Hell boy*

PG13 - 122 min

**Notice:  
The Bulkeley  
Lyceum  
will be closed  
this week to  
make repairs  
on the  
projector.**



## Army marks birthday

JTF Guantanamo will celebrate the Army's birthday on June 14 by building esprit de corps with a 6 a.m. Army Birthday Run, beginning at Bulkeley Soccer Field, and a 11:30 a.m. cake-cutting ceremony and lunch at Seaside Galley.

# Morale call system eases communication

Deployed guardsmen (both Army and Air) have another way to keep in touch with their state-side loved ones, relatives, and friends.

It's the Morale Call option on the Automated Directory Assistance System (ADAS) installed on several Army installations throughout CONUS.

Phone calls placed by deployed guardsmen to these ADAS sites, will be connected to an automated call attendant and its voice-recognition Morale Call sub-system. Guardsmen can access the ADAS by Defense Switch Network (DSN) phone line. Once connected to an ADAS automated call attendant, they need only follow the system's morale-call instructions.

Guardsmen reply to the Morale-Call prompts to make their local or long-distance connection.

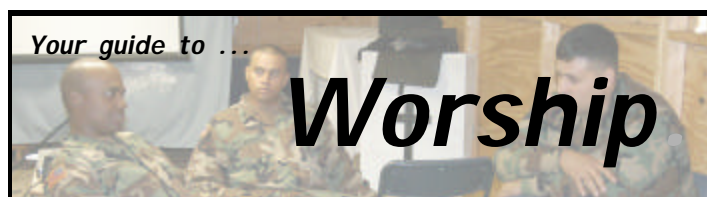
Morale calls placed to parties outside the local calling area will incur the usual state-side long-distance fees. The same applies for collect-calls and credit/phone card calls.

Calls should be placed only during normal nonduty hours at routine precedence and should not exceed 15 minutes in duration.

Most installations have a time turned on to limit the call to 15 minutes.

DSN phone numbers for the various ADAS locations are:

Dugway PG (312) 789-2151  
Ft. Benning (312) 835-2011  
Ft. Bliss (312) 978-2121  
Fort Bragg (312) 236-0001  
Fort Campbell (312) 635-2151  
Fort Dix (312) 944-1011  
Fort Drum (312) 772-3672  
Fort Eustis (312) 826-1212  
Fort Gordon (312) 780-0110  
Fort Hamilton (312) 232-1110  
Fort Hood (312) 737-1110  
Ft. Huachuca (312) 879-7111  
Fort Irwin (312) 470-1111  
Fort Jackson (312) 734-7511  
Fort Knox (312) 464-1000  
Ft. Leavenworth (312) 552-4021  
Fort Lee (312) 539-3101  
Ft. Lrnr. Wd. (312) 581-0131  
Fort Lewis (312) 357-1994  
Ft. McPherson (312) 367-4663  
Fort Meade (312) 622-6261  
Fort Riley (312) 856-1110  
Fort Sill (312) 639-7090  
Fort Stewart (312) 870-4663



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## Worship

### Catholic

#### Main Chapel

Wed.	5 p.m.	Holy Hour and Rosary
	6:00-6:25 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	RCIA (Chaplain's office)
Sat.	4:15 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Spanish Mass (Sanct. B)
M-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Cobre Chapel)

#### Camp America

Sun.	5:30 p.m.	Episcopal Mass
	7:30 p.m.	Mass

### Protestant

#### Main Chapel

Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Wed.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School

\* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

#### Camp America

Tues.	7 p.m.	Alpha
Wed.	7 p.m.	Soul Survivor (Club Survivor)
Sun.	9 a.m.	Protestant

### New Life Fellowship

Sun.	1 p.m.	Service (Main Chapel)
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### Pentecostal Gospel

Sun.	8 a.m.	Service (Sanc C)
	5 p.m.	Service (Sanc C)

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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### Islamic

Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12, Chapel Complex
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### Jewish

Call 2323 for more information

#### **Camp America Church Bus schedule:**

Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay
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The bus will return following worship.

## Hispanic Heritage needs you

The Hispanic American Heritage Committee meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. to discuss plans for fundraising, parties, etc.

We need more volunteers in order to reach great success and finalize with a HAHC Ball.

All interested persons wishing to lend a hand can meet us in the

Department of Homeland Security, BCIS, ORAIO (Lupe Beltran's Office; second floor across from MWR offices)

Building 760, heading toward Bulkeley Hall.

For more information, contact

OS1(SW) David Flores

J3 Plans NCO 5076/5155



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## Galley

**Today:** Lunch - BBQ beef cubes;  
Dinner - crab legs.

**Saturday:** Lunch - catfish fillet;  
Dinner - veal parmesan.

**Sunday:** Lunch - roast pork;  
Dinner - baked chicken.

**Monday:** Lunch - pepper steak;  
dinner - roast turkey.

**Tuesday:** Lunch - baked tandoori chicken;  
Dinner - chicken fajitas.

**Wednesday:** Lunch - pineapple chicken;  
Dinner - sweet and sour pork.

**Thursday:** Lunch - Caribbean chicken; Dinner - Salisbury steak.

**Friday:** Lunch - parmesan fish; Dinner - T-bone steak.

